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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Filing Date	June 26, 1997
Group Art Unit	3731
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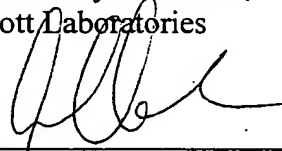
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